

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, February 24th:

**STEM Education Act of 2015:** H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 88.

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**Announcement by the Chair:** The Speaker addressed the Members on matters of decorum in the House.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 124, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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**Student Success Act:** The House began consideration of H.R. 5, to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, and inform parents of the performance of their children's schools. Further proceedings were postponed.

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H. Res. 121, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 529) and (H.R. 5), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 87, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 86.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:42 p.m. and reconvened at 9:56 p.m.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared on March 1, 1996, with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, as amended and expanded on February 26, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–12).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1133–34, H1134, H1135, H1140–41, and H1141–42. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REVIEW OF THE SNAP PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing to review the past, present and future of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### APPROPRIATIONS—QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE MILITARY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on quality of life in the military. Testimony was heard from Command Sergeant Major Daniel A. Dailey, United States Army; Master Chief Petty Officer Michael D. Stevens, United States Navy; Sergeant Major Ronald Green, United States Marine Corps; and Chief Master Sergeant James A. Cody, United States Air Force.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary; Robert Johansson, Chief Economist; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Internal Revenue Service oversight. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Department of Health and Human Services budget. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Justice, Department of

Commerce, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration oversight. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of the Interior budget. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior; and Mike Connor, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development budget. Testimony was heard from Julian Castro, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, AND UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on House of Representatives, Government Accountability Office, and United States Capitol Police budgets. Testimony was heard from Ed Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer, House of Representatives; Karen L. Haas, Clerk, House of Representatives; Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives; Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; and Kim Dine, Chief of Police, United States Capitol.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Department of State and Foreign Operations budget. Testimony was heard from John Kerry, Secretary, Department of State.

#### **HOW IS DOD RESPONDING TO EMERGING SECURITY CHALLENGES IN EUROPE?**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How Is DOD Responding to Emerging Security Challenges in Europe?”. Testimony was heard from General Philip Breedlove, USAF, Commander, Supreme Allied Command Eu-

rope and U.S. European Combatant Command; and Christine Wormuth, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces”. Testimony was heard from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); Vice Admiral Joseph P. Mulloy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources; and Lieutenant General Kenneth Glueck, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development, and Integration, and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS AND PROGRAMS: SUPPORTING CURRENT OPERATIONS AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE THREAT ENVIRONMENT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Information Technology Investments and Programs: Supporting Current Operations and Planning for the Future Threat Environment”. Testimony was heard from Terry Halvorsen, Acting Department of Defense Chief Information Officer; Lieutenant General Robert S. Ferrell, United States Army, Chief Information Officer/G-6; Lt Gen William J. Bender, United States Air Force, Chief, Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer; John Zangardi, Acting Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Information Operations and Space; and Brigadier General Kevin J. Nally, United States Marine Corps, Director, Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4)/Chief Information Officer of the Marine Corps.

#### **MEMBERS' DAY**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Members' Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Nugent, Schweikert, Edwards, Wilson of South Carolina, Larsen of Washington, Gabbard, Foster, Hill, Salmon, Esty, Beatty, Barr, Posey, Kildee, Schakowsky, Jackson Lee, McGovern, Hoyer, Love, Hahn, Takai, Amodei, and Mooney of West Virginia.

**THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 EPA BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, held a joint hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2016 EPA Budget”. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

**THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE OF THE INTERNET**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Uncertain Future of the Internet”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS IN A TROUBLED WORLD: THE FY 2016 FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Interests in a Troubled World: The FY 2016 Foreign Affairs Budget”. Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State, Department of State.

**EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT’S CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING PROPOSAL**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the President’s Cybersecurity Information Sharing Proposal”. Testimony was heard from Suzanne Spaulding, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Phyllis Schneck, Deputy Under Secretary, Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and Eric Fischer, Senior Specialist, Science and Technology, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

**THE UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF OBAMA’S EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Unconstitutionality of Obama’s Executive Actions on Immigration”. Testimony was heard from Adam Laxalt, Attorney General of Nevada; and public witnesses.

**A REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY’S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPREHENSION, DETENTION, AND RELEASE OF NON-CITIZENS UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, held a joint hearing entitled “A Review of the Department of Homeland Security’s Policies and Procedures for the Apprehension, Detention, and Release of Non-Citizens Unlawfully Present in the United States”. Testimony was heard from Scott R. Jones, Sheriff, Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department; and public witnesses.

**PREVENTING ANOTHER MH370: SETTING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR AIRLINE FLIGHT TRACKING**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets held a hearing entitled “Preventing Another MH370: Setting International Standards for Airline Flight Tracking”. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Hart, Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Michael A. Lawson, Ambassador, United States Mission to the International Civil Aviation Organization; and a public witness.

**STUDENT SUCCESS ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5, the “Student Success Act”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 5 under a structured rule. The rule provides no additional general debate. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–8, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by its proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The

rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Scott of Virginia, Pocan, Jeffries, DeSaulnier, Garrett, Maxine Waters of California, Dold, Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Sewell of Alabama, Collins of Georgia, Polis, Bridenstine, Jackson Lee, Gibson, Butterfield, Walker, Tonko, Richmond, Titus, Bera, Castro of Texas, and Lawrence.

#### **AN OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "An Overview of the Department of Energy's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2016". Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1030, the "Secret Science Reform Act of 2015"; and H.R. 1029, the "EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015". H.R. 1030 and H.R. 1029 were both ordered reported, as amended.

#### **THE SBA BUDGET FOR FY 2016: DOES IT MEET THE NEEDS OF AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES?**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The SBA Budget for FY 2016: Does it Meet the Needs of America's Small Businesses?". Testimony was heard from Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

#### **PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs". Testimony was heard from Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Paul "Chip" N. Jaenichen, Sr., Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; MAINTAINING THE DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND'S SOLVENCY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held an organizational meeting for the

114th Congress and a hearing on maintaining the Disability Insurance Trust Fund's solvency. The subcommittee successfully organized. Testimony was heard from Charles P. Blahous III, Public Trustee, Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees; and public witnesses.

#### **WORLD WIDE THREATS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "World Wide Threats". This hearing was closed.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Helm, The American Legion, Washington, D.C.

#### **SERBIA'S OSCE LEADERSHIP**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Serbia's leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on priorities and insights regarding the ongoing work of the OSCE, after receiving testimony from First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Ivica Dacic, Belgrade, Serbia.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to resume hearings to examine worldwide threats, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Forest Service, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "End Modern Slavery and Trafficking Initiative Act of 2015", 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.